

Money procured in Defense Appropriations Bill

Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Tim Ryan announced \$12,200,000 in federal investments for the District contained in the Defense Appropriations Bill which passed the House of Representatives. The projects range from research into reinforced materials for tires to a Center of Excellence at Youngstown State University. The bill also includes funding for research and development in Alternative Energy Fuel Cell Generation at Kent State University. During the final consideration of the bill Congressman Ryan and Senator Sherrod Brown led the effort to provide additional funding of \$2.5 million for the High Altitude Airship, a project strongly supported by Akron Mayor Don Plusquellic, Summit County officials and other community leaders.

“The investments announced today will move our District forward as we begin to transition to a high-tech corridor that will bring new jobs and new research and development initiatives to our area,” said Congressman Ryan. “These projects will provide job growth, needed products to our military, and help move our manufacturing sector to the next level of technological advancement.”

The bill provides a 3.5 percent pay raise for all of our military personnel, improves health care for soldiers and provides more counselors, teachers and child care providers for our military families. \$980 million is included to purchase essential National Guard and Reserve equipment to ensure that they have the necessary resources to meet either overseas deployment demands or to respond to natural disasters at home. The bill also provides \$247 million to keep 3,000 National Guard troops on the border with Mexico until Spring of 2008.

A list of the District projects included in the bill can be found below. The measure awaits the President's signature.

- 1) Center of Excellence in Industrial Metrology & 3D Imaging Research, Youngstown State University, \$1,600,000
- 2) Research and Development of Variable Transmittance Visors, Alpha Micron, \$1,000,000
- 3) Research and Development for Alternative Energy Fuel Cell Generation, Kent State University, \$2,000,000
- 4) Advanced Reinforced Materials and New Materials Research for Aircraft Tires, Goodyear Tire, \$1,000,000
- 5) Research and Development for Secure Mobile MANET System, \$1,200,000
- 6) Development of Feeding Tube for Battlefield Trauma Patients, Syncro Medical Systems,

Canfield/Youngstown, \$500,000

7) Research and Development of Tactical Metal Fabrication Systems (TacFab), Ajax Tocco, Warren, \$2,400,000

8) High Altitude Airship, Lockheed Martin, \$2,500,000